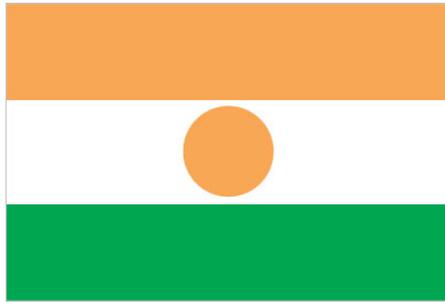




NIGER



INTRODUCTION

Niger became independent from France in 1960. It is one of the poorest countries in the world with insufficient funds to develop its resource base. The largely agrarian and subsistence-based economy is frequently disrupted by extended droughts common to the Sahel region of Africa.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Mohamed BAZOUM

Head of Government

Prime Minister Ouhoumoudou MAHAMADOU

Government Type

semi-presidential republic

Capital

Niamey

Legislature

unicameral National Assembly or Assemblée Nationale (171 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 1,267,000 sq km
Land: 1,266,700 sq km
Water: 300 sq km

Climate

desert; mostly hot, dry, dusty; tropical in extreme south

Natural Resources

uranium, coal, iron ore, tin, phosphates, gold, molybdenum, gypsum, salt, petroleum

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

low-income Sahel economy; major instability and humanitarian crises limit economic activity; COVID-19 eliminated recent antipoverty gains; economy rebounding since December 2020
Nigerian border reopening and new investments; uranium resource rich

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$28.97 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$1,200 (2020 est.)

Industries - uranium mining, petroleum, cement, brick, soap, textiles, food processing, chemicals, slaughterhouses

Agricultural products - millet, cow peas, sorghum, onions, milk, groundnuts, cassava, cabbages, goat milk, fruit

Exports \$1.525 billion (2018 est.)

gold, sesame seeds, uranium, natural gas, refined petroleum (2019)

partners: UAE 54%, China 25%, France 7%, Pakistan 5% (2019)

Imports \$2.999 billion (2018 est.)

rice, packaged medicines, palm oil, cars, cement (2019)

partners: China 19%, France 9%, UAE 7%, Cote d'Ivoire 6%, India 6%, Nigeria 5%, Togo 5%, Turkey 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

23.6 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

3.65% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Hausa 53.1%, Zarma/
Songhai 21.2%, Tuareg 11%, Fulani (Peuhl) 6.5%, Kanuri 5.9%, Gurma 0.8%, Arab 0.4%, Tubu 0.4%, other/unavailable 0.9% (2006 est.)

Language

French (official), Hausa, Djerma

Religion

Muslim 99.3%, Christian 0.3%, animist 0.2%, none 0.1% (2012 est.)

